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SUBJECT: SCHACT WISCONSIN GROUP; IRAQI VISA PROCEDURES

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1. I CALLED ROBERT SCHACT 8 MARCH 1977 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. HE APPRECIATED THE RESPONSE.

2. SCHACT ALSO MENTIONED A VISA PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN PLAGUING OTHER AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO IRAQ SINCE THE RYAN INCIDENT. THE NEW CONSULAR OFFICER AT THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IS NOW TELLING APPLICANTS THAT A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM THEIR COMPANIES AS TO THE NATURE OF THEIR BUSINESS IN IRAQ IS NO LONGER SUFFICIENT TO ISSUE A VISA. HE IS REQUIRING A LETTER FROM THE IRAQI CONTACT EXPLICITLY INVITING THE INDIVIDUAL TO IRAQ. I SPOKE TO AMIN AL-HASSAN ABOUT THIS ON MARCH 4 AFTER RECEIVING A NUMBER OF CALLS THAT WEEK. AMIN ATTRIBUTED THIS QUOTE MISUNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE TO THE ENTHUSIASM OF HIS NEW CONSULAR OFFICER AND
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NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM BAGHDAD AS A RESULT OF THE RYAN INCIDENT. HE ASSURED ME, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS TRAVELERS CONTACT HIM, HE WILL SEE TO IT THAT A VISA IS ISSUED WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LETTER FROM THE IRAQI CONTACT.
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